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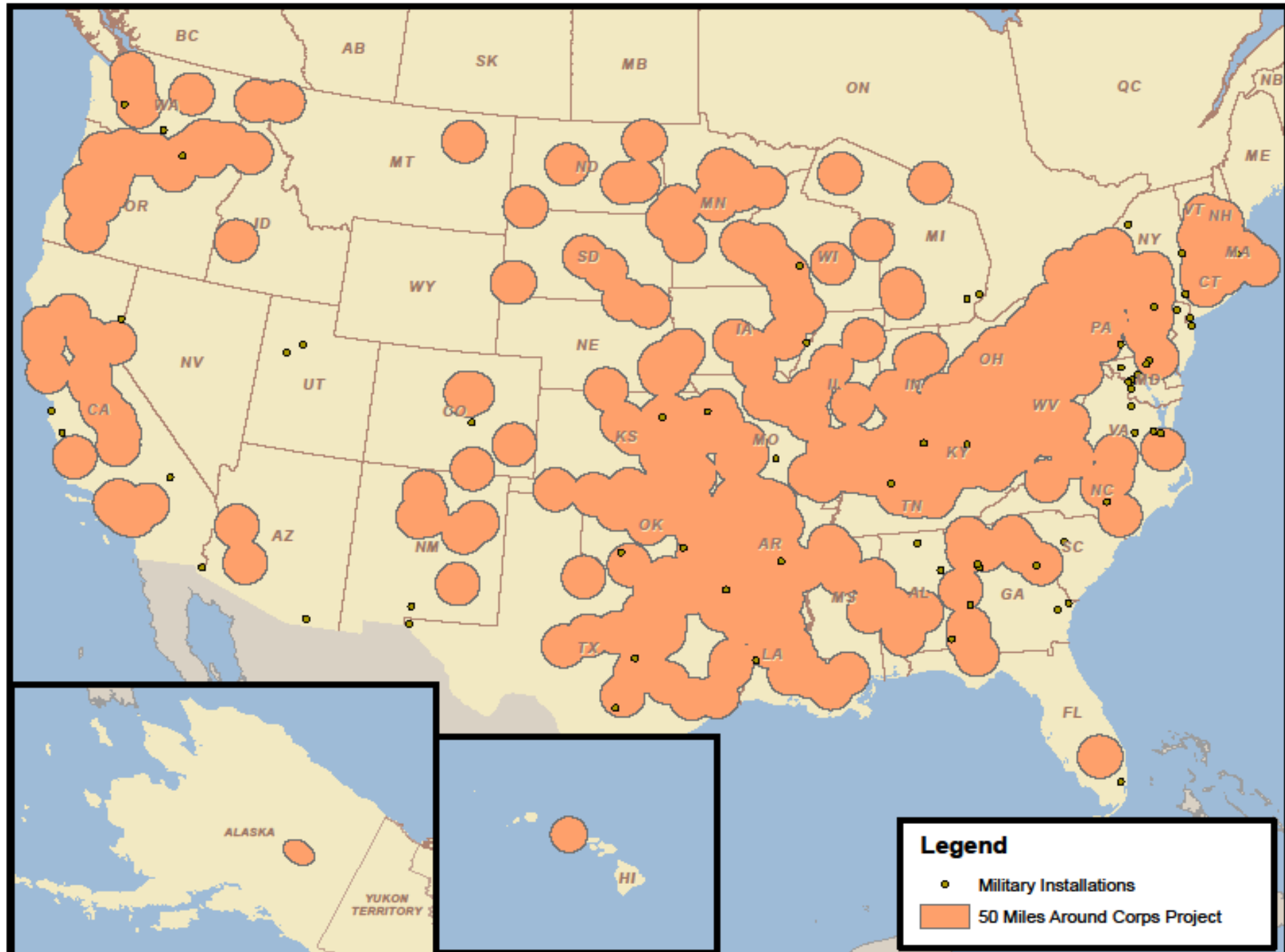
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- Gold Medal Award
- Work with VA Hospitals
- SCA



MWR Programs on Military Bases

- USACE working at upper levels to connect MWR programs to USACE sites across country
- 51% of Army installations are within 60 miles of USACE lake





Who are We?



- 1.4 million Active Duty Service members
 - 66% are under the age of 30
 - 58% of Service members have families
 - 1.2 million active duty dependent children
 - 40% of the children are under the age of 5
 - Over 100,000 military families have members with special needs
- 1.3 million Reserve members (National Guard & Reserves)
 - 56% of Reserve members have families
- Over 2 million retirees
- 12 million MWR customers (Active Duty, Reserve, families, civilians, contractors)
- Nation's largest employer
- Reflect America's racial, ethnic, religious, and socioeconomic diversity

Department of Defense

Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR)



- 534 Fitness Operations
- 189 Libraries
- 291 Multi-resource Learning Centers
- 244 Community Centers
- 180 Single Service Member Centers
- 733 Outdoor Recreation Operations
- 293 Information, Ticket, & Tours
- 182 Arts and Crafts Centers
- 227 Auto Skills Centers
- 449 Recreational Swimming Pools
- 261 Bowling Centers
- 604 Club, Food, and Beverage Operations
- 49 Restaurants
- 47 Name Brand Food Operations
- 182 Golf Courses
- 6 Joint or Armed Forces Recreation Centers
- 322 Recreation Cabin Operations
- 146 RV Parks or Campgrounds
- 91 Marinas
- 66 Recreational Shooting Ranges
- 121 Stable Operations
- 884 Internet Cafes
 - Iraq/Kuwait/Afghanistan
 - 9,819 Internet PCs
 - 3,708 VOIP telephones
- 90,829 Total MWR Personnel
- \$1.5 B Appropriated Funds
- \$1.5 B Self-generated Funds
- \$ 86 M Net Income

Primarily Installation Focused – Many Supporting Programs



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Warriors in Transition Program

Army Wounded Warrior Program

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Wounded Warrior Transition Command

The U.S. Army established [Warrior Transition Units \(WTUs\)](#) at major military treatment facilities [located](#) around the world. WTUs provide personal support to wounded Soldiers who require at least six months of rehabilitative care and complex medical management. A WTU closely resembles a "line" Army unit, with a professional cadre and integrated Army processes that builds on the Army's strength of unit cohesion and teamwork so that wounded soldiers can focus on healing to transition back to the Army or to civilian status.

The Army is committed to providing the best possible care and support to all [Warriors in Transition \(WTs\)](#) and their families so they may return to active duty or transition to civilian life as proud, productive veterans. Warriors in Transition (WTs) have one mission: to heal. It is our goal in the Corps to support this program and provide rehabilitation and career opportunities for WT's at Corps projects.

[Veterans Affairs](#) is one place where the Warrior Transition Units interface with the public for employment options. This may be a good starting point for Corps projects that are looking to hire veterans and WT's. [Click here for Veterans Affairs centers.](#)

- Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2) – the overarching program
- Warrior Transition Unit (WTU) – the group/mechanism of organization usually by state and tied to a VA office
- Warriors in Transition (WTs) – the soldier

Corps/AW2/WT Success Stories

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- [Ft Hood Warrior in Transition role in construction projects](#)
- [Warrior Transition Brigade intern making a difference at Corps of Engineers](#)
- [Corps aids transition for wounded warrior](#)
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AW2 Advocates

Each AW2 Soldier is assigned an [AW2 Advocate](#) who provides personalized local support to the Soldiers, Veterans, and their Families. AW2 Advocates are located at military treatment facilities, [VA Polytrauma Centers](#), VA facilities, and most Army installations.

Eligibility Requirements

AW2 supports the most severely wounded Soldiers and Veterans who suffer from injuries or illness incurred in the line of duty after September 10, 2001, in support of Overseas Contingency Operations since 9/11. These Soldiers and Veterans must receive or expect to receive an Army [Physical Disability Evaluation System](#) rating of 30% or greater in one or more specific categories, such as:

- [Blindness/Loss of Vision](#)
- Deafness/Hearing Loss



The program for a Purple Heart ceremony at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.



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WTU Locations

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Programs

CTP

Soldiers have one mission—to heal. All Soldiers develop a [Comprehensive Transition Plan \(CTP\)](#) with personalized goals that allows them and their Families move forward toward life post-injury.

AW2

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Community-Based Warrior Transition Units (CBWTUs)

A Community-Based Warrior Transition Unit (CBWTU) functions as a WTU for Soldiers who receive medical care in their community—at Department of Defense, TRICARE, or Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) healthcare facilities. The CBWTU primarily provides outpatient care management and transition services for Army Reserve and National Guard Soldiers (COMPO 2 and 3) who do not need the day-to-day medical management provided by WTUs on Army installations. The CBWTU enables the Soldier to recover and transition at the location closest to his/her personal support network or



SPC Joshua M. Kerber poses with his Triad of Care: Dr. Mark L. Passamonti, CPT Lashon S. Duncanson, and SGT Candice L. Dawkins.

Warrior in transition plays role in construction projects for WTB

BY RACHEL PARKS
Sentinel Staff

At every construction site on Fort Hood, employees from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers play a vital role in verifying that new structures are built to the highest standards and the workers at the construction sites are also maintaining rigid safety standards.

As part of a Department of Defense Operation Warfighter internship program, Sgt. 1st Class Wesley Hamm, a Soldier assigned to Company A, 1st Battalion, Warrior Transition Brigade, has been working with Corps of Engineers safety specialists while he prepares to transition out of the Army.

Hamm is not only learning the ins and outs of on-the-job safety, but he's doing it on two worksites that will play crucial roles in the healing of Fort Hood wounded warriors. Hamm's internship allows him to work on the future WTB barracks and the new

hours a week but often works 40 hours, even while juggling medical appointments. He is supervised by Daniel Juracek, a safety occupational health specialist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fort Worth District.

"At this point I'm still kind of shadowing Dan, learning what to look for, whether it is personal safety or job site safety," Hamm said. Part of that learning includes becoming intimately familiar with EM 385-1-1, the 1,050-page manual outlining Corps safety standards and guidelines.

"I listen to him (Juracek) talk to the contractors about things that are safety violations," Hamm said. "While he's doing that, I'm looking it up in the book (EM 385-1-1) to reference it for myself. Eventually down the line, if I'm the one doing this job, I'll know where to go," he added.

Hamm said he does embrace technology while learning on the job. To



Photos by Rachel Parks, Sentinel Staff

Colonel Paul Hossenlopp, WTB commander, and Sgt. 1st Class Wesley Hamm, WTB, walk across an area on the third floor of the barracks while construction crews work in the background. Hamm is taking part in a Corps of Engineers internship program before he transitions out of the Army.

application to his iPhone that allows him to search through the manual.

Hamm has also been attending training sessions and classes to make the most of the opportunities offered through the internship.

"That's the whole point for me and I think that's part of this program. I can have all this stuff done

Hamm at the conclusion of the tour.

He also thanked Juracek and other Corps employees for embracing Operation Warfighter and dedicating themselves to the future of warriors in transition.

"I just really appreciate the Corps taking on these Soldiers," Hossenlopp said. "I can't say enough good

and others heal and move forward with their lives.

"Eventually he'll be working out on the hospital job site. What better project to incorporate the warrior in transition Soldiers? It's being done because of them," he added.

Juracek said he was certain the Corps will continue to help warriors

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Corps of Engineers aids transition for wounded warrior

BY RACHEL PARKS
Sentinel Staff

When new buildings are constructed on Fort Hood for Soldiers, civilians and families, it's up to the employees at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to run samples of concrete, asphalt, soil and masonry through a battery of tests to make sure the construction is of the highest quality.

When Staff Sgt. James Taylor, A Company, 2nd Battalion, Warrior Transition Brigade, joined the military as a field artilleryman in Sept. 2004, he never imagined that he would one day have a part in the Corps of Engineers quality assurance process.

But after medical issues brought Taylor to the Fort Hood WTB, he decided to take part in the Vocational Reintegration Program, an internship program designed to transition wounded warriors from the military to the civilian workforce. That brought him to the Corps of Engineers quality assurance office at Fort Hood.

"The Corps of Engineers was very receptive to the program and offered an opportunity to mentor and train in quality assurance and material testing," Ron Harris, the supervisory materials QA, said.



Staff Sgt. James Taylor, WTB, tests the strength of a concrete sample at the Corps of Engineers Quality Assurance Office at Fort Hood. Taylor has been with the agency for more than four months.

smooth.

"When I came over here I knew absolutely nothing," he said. But with mentorship from the civilians he picked up quickly. "Now I know how to run various tests. Working in the field I've made a lot of contacts and met a lot of good people," he added.

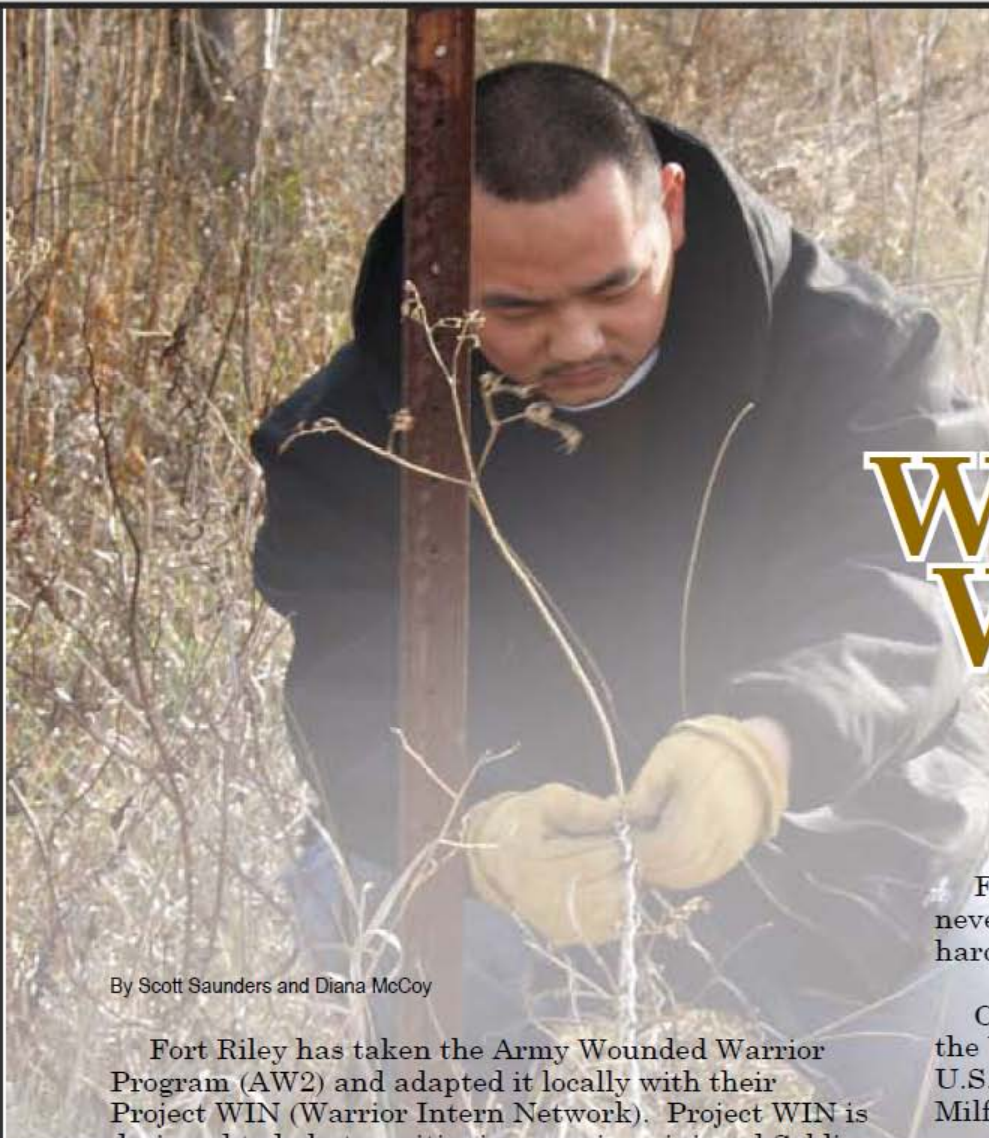
Taylor said taking part in the internship moved him out of the rut he was in as he faced the prospect of leaving the Army.

"I love my job in the military but

"He's totally different from the first day I talked to him," Burgin said.

Burgin said if wounded warriors can spend several months in an internship program, developing skills for their resume or making civilian contacts, it can have a profound effect on their healing.

"The first step in helping them heal is getting them out of the medical environment," he added. "It gets them out of uniform and it gets them some exposure to specialized experience. That brings the



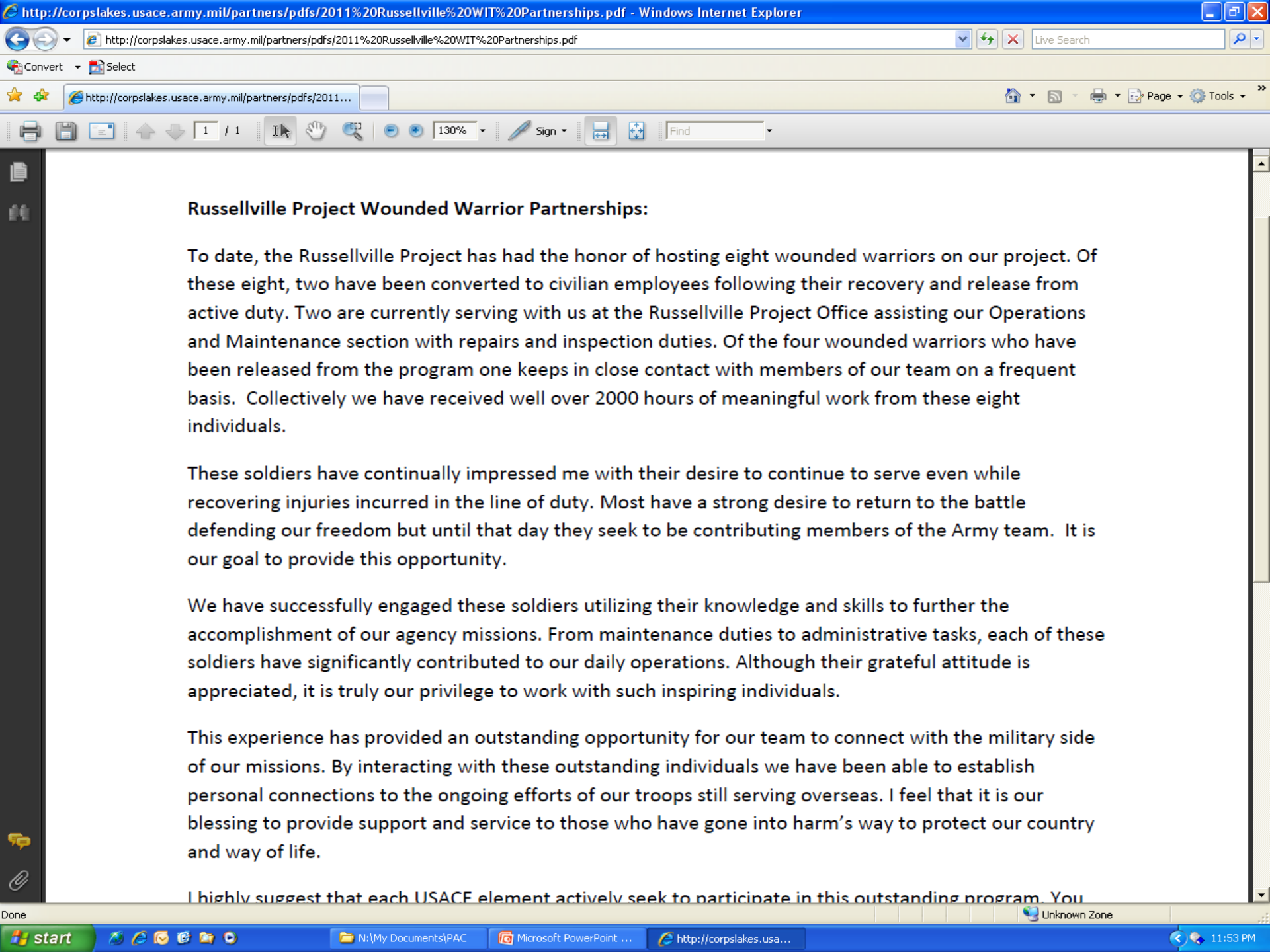
Lake Project provides opportunity for WOUNDED WARRIOR

For a Soldier, coming home from a deployment is never easy, but coming home with an injury is even harder.

By Scott Saunders and Diana McCoy

Fort Riley has taken the Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2) and adapted it locally with their Project WIN (Warrior Intern Network). Project WIN is designed to help transitioning wounded Soldiers...

Officials at Fort Riley in Kansas are working with the Welcome Home to Heroes Foundation and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Kansas City District at Milford Lake to make that transition just a little easier.



**Not to be confused
with Wounded Warriors.org**



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Wounded Warrior Program

The [Wounded Warrior Project \(WWP\)](#) began when several veterans and friends took action to help others in need. What started as a program to provide comfort items to wounded service members has grown into a complete rehabilitative effort to assist warriors as they recover and transition back to civilian life. Thousands of wounded warriors and caregivers receive support each year through non-profit WWP programs designed to nurture the mind and body and encourage economic empowerment and engagement.

MISSION: To honor and empower wounded warriors.

VISION: To foster the most successful, well-adjusted generation of wounded warriors in this nation's history.

PURPOSE:

1. To raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of injured service members
2. To help injured service members aid and assist each other.
3. To provide unique, direct programs and services to meet the needs of injured service members.

Corps projects are encouraged to partner with and support the Wounded Warrior Project to the maximum extent possible.

Corps/Wounded Warrior Success Stories

- [NAB: Jennings Randolph Lake Wounded Warrior Project Fundraising Sniper Competition, October 2011](#)
- [SWF: Canyon Lake Wounded Warrior Hunt, December 2010](#)

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Partnership between USACE Jennings Randolph Lake,
Storm Mountain, Inc., and the Wounded Warrior Project
(Photos by Jimmy Lapua)

On Saturday October 15, 2011 the Robert W. Craig Campground quarry was used during a unique competition held by [Storm Mountain, Inc.](#) Storm Mountain serves as the premier training facility for military, law enforcement, and counter-terrorism personnel.

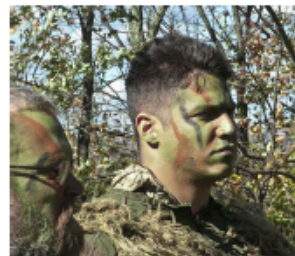
As part of a three day competition benefiting the [Wounded Warrior Project](#), Segment 2, the Sniper/Observer stalk was held at Jennings Randolph Lake. There were 22 two-man teams ranging from active duty Special Forces to West Virginia State police SWAT teams.



The objective was to stalk undetected across an open field to within 200 yards of the intended target without being spotted by the target and to successfully get two shots off using blanks. The target for the exercise was Storm Mountain president, Rod Ryan, who used binoculars to direct "walkers" to the location of the snipers. If spotted, they were eliminated from the competition. A majority of the teams were able to get within the 200 yard line by belly crawling across the wet field or using the available cover.

The event started at 8 a.m. with the arrival of the first group. After a safety talk and a discussion of the rules, the team proceeded down the Kalbaugh Pond road to begin the competition. It took several hours for the teams to get within the intended objective. After a quick lunch break, the second group arrived and the competition started over. The final group left the area around 6 p.m.

We heard many "thank you's" from the participants to the Corps for allowing them to use our facilities for the competition/exercise. Many were active members of the armed forces and had served in either Iraq or Afghanistan. Registration fees from the 50 competitors and donations from several fund raising partners helped to raise \$32,000 for the Wounded Warrior Program.



Canyon Lake Wounded Warrior Hunt

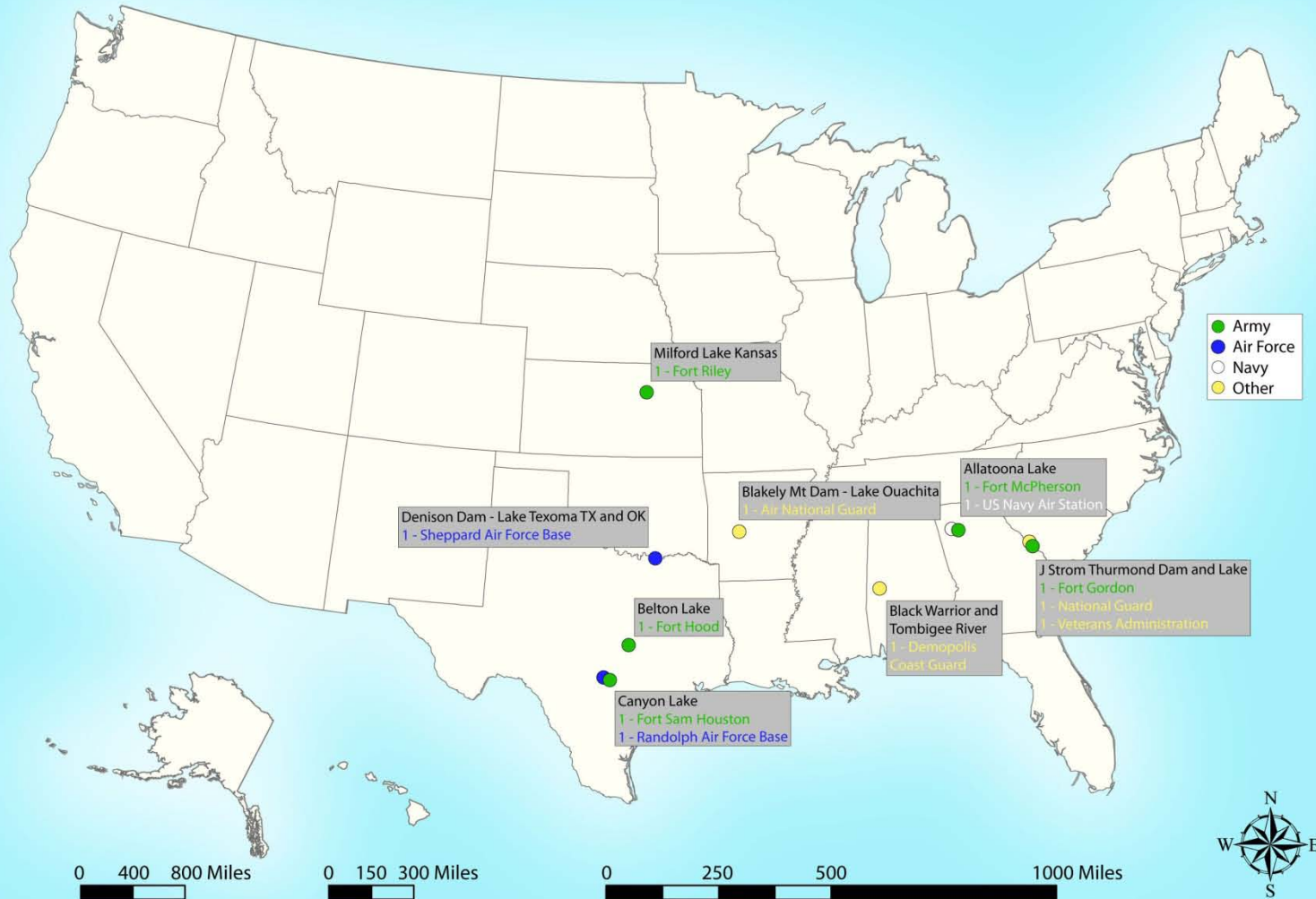
On the weekend of December 17-19, 2010, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Canyon Lake hosted their first Wounded Warrior Hunt. This was not the first time that Wounded Warriors from Brooks Army Medical Center's Warrior Transition Battalion hunted white-tailed deer at Canyon Lake but it was the first time that Canyon hosted a hunt dedicated to only Wounded Warriors. During the 2009 hunting season, two Wounded Warriors took their first deer both of which were bucks and during the November 2010 hunt a third Wounded Warrior hunting with the Serve Outdoors sponsored handicap hunt harvested a nice buck as well. The December 2010 dedicated Wounded Warrior Hunt served 14 hunters that were able to harvest 9 bucks and 3 does.

In addition to the hunting experiences, the entire weekend was enhanced by the sponsorship of the Huey 091 Foundation in that they provided meals, entertainment and lodging for the hunters. Many great stories were shared around the camp fire and over some really good BBQ, Mexican food and your standard hunting camp chow like hamburgers and hotdogs. The entertainment was provided by Nashville Artist, Matt Snook who was flown in by the Huey 091 Foundation. Additionally, the foundation coordinated with the Ft. Sam Houston Recreation Area at Canyon Lake to provide lodging for the Wounded Warriors. The sponsorship efforts by the foundation greatly enhanced the quality of the hunt and they even invited the Wounded Warriors family members to come out for the weekend in order that the experience would be a family experience.

Hundreds of volunteer hours were worked by Huey 091 Foundation volunteers and by Corps personnel at Canyon Lake to honor these men, women and their family members for the sacrifices that they've made and continue to endure. Everyone from the hunters and their family members to volunteers and Corps personnel had a great time during the hunt and Canyon Lake looks forward to hosting future Wounded Warrior Hunts.



LEASES ON USACE LANDS



C.A.S.T. Program – Take a Warrior Fishing Program



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Operation Purple Camps

[Operation Purple camps](#) offer a free week of summer fun for military kids with parents who have been, are currently, or will be deployed. The goal of the Operation Purple camp program is to give military children tools to help deal with the stresses that result from a parent's deployment, through a memorable camp experience in a "purple" environment. Operation Purple camps are open to military children of all ranks and Services: active and reserve components. At Operation Purple camps, military children experience an exciting week of outdoor fun and adventure.

2011 Operation Purple camps were held in 25 states as well as Okinawa, Japan. Host camps are chosen annually and locations often change from year to year. [Click here to find out more about each camp.](#)

Operation Purple Camps Success Stories

- [SAM: Tennessee-Tombigbee partnership with OPC and Crow's Neck Environmental Education Center](#)
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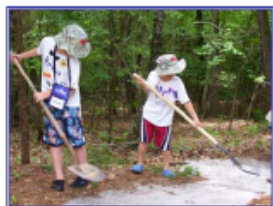
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Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Project Involvement in Operation Purple® Camp at Crow's Neck Environmental Education Center



In June 2008, the Bay Springs Office of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Project partnered with the Crow's Neck Environmental Education Center to assist and conduct programs at an Operation Purple® Camp. Below is a list of activities conducted by the Corps:

Beach Day: The Corps provided use of Piney Grove Beach for "Beach Day." Corps park rangers opened the day with a well-received water safety program, which resulted in the children happily complying when required to use life jackets in the water. Rangers also watched children from the beach area and taught kids how to bank fish. Several campground and beach attendants also volunteered on their day off to help.



Service Project: Part of the camp curriculum included a service project, which Corps park rangers organized. Rangers brought the campers to a degraded nature trail in the campground and demonstrated how to rehabilitate it. The kids were very excited to work on this project, and the trail was greatly improved when they finished. (There were even requests asking if there was more they could do!)



Military Speaker: Another part of the camp curriculum was to provide a military speaker. This is ideally someone who has served in Afghanistan or Iraq, and is familiar with speaking to children. LTC Payne from Mobile District spoke to the kids about his experiences in Iraq and was enthusiastically applauded and questioned by the campers eager to learn more about Iraqi culture.

Fishing Day: Several park rangers led demonstrations and instructional workshops to teach the basics of fishing and aquatic habitats. In the afternoon they took kids to the closest fishing pier and boat ramp to catch their first fish.



Miscellaneous Support: Throughout the week, park rangers regularly stopped by to offer their help (bringing ice, running errands, etc). The camp director reported that the week would not have been as successful without the support of the Corps rangers, and that a lot of interest was sparked in Army Corps park ranger careers.



For more information about Operation Purple® Camps, visit www.nmfa.org

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Operation Honor Card

The Corps entered into a partnership in 2011 with a non-profit called "Operation Honor Cards." Operation Honor Cards is a joint project of [Blue Star Families](#), the [American Red Cross](#), and [ServiceNation: Mission Serve](#), working together with the Veterans Administration, the Corporation for National and Community Service, Joining Forces, and the Department of Defense. The program aims to create an atmosphere of 'shared service' by encouraging Americans to perform volunteer service in honor of military families and veterans.

This program will promote and collect virtual Honor Pledges of volunteer service through the website www.honorcards.org. Individuals or organizations fill out an Honor Card stating what act of volunteer service they will do to honor a service member, veterans, wounded warrior or military family.

The Corps is participating by pledging 1 million volunteer hours for the program for 2011.

Individual volunteers for the Corps can also pledge and track their hours via the website, and choose the service project they will be doing to honor a service member and/or military family. When filling out their Honor Card online, they should tell what their service project will be and include the code: "USACE" to indicate that they are volunteering hours for the Corps of Engineers.

Through this program, you can show your community's pride for our military by building an "Honor Wall" at your next event, at your project office, or visitor center which will enable everyone to see the direct results in your community. An "Honor Wall" in a visitor center can also be a great way to advertise the program and recruit volunteers beyond those serving during a special event day. Spread the word about the website for individual and volunteers who would like to make the pledge online.

This is an opportunity for the Corps and our volunteers to show our support of military soldiers, wounded warriors, veterans, and their families by pledging community service in their honor, as a token of appreciation for their service to the nation.

- [Operation Honor Card Service Kit, 2011](#)
- [OHC Post Card template](#)

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The Corps of Engineers is dedicated to encouraging the use of Corps recreation resources by the military and their families. Increased public awareness of Corps recreation programs, including increased awareness by Department of Defense and Armed Forces Commands, is a high priority.

Goal 2.4 of the [Corps Recreation Strategic Plan](#) is to "Strengthen relationships with military installations to meet the needs of both military families and the recreating public to foster use of Corps facilities by active duty, retired, and reserve military veterans and families."

The Corps will contribute to the readiness and resilience of military members and their families through their participation in activities and programs at Corps lakes and rivers. The Corps will strengthen its unique relationship with the U.S. Armed Forces by expanding recreation programs and services for military members and their families. The Corps will promote safe and healthy outdoor recreation opportunities at Corps projects to all U.S. Armed Forces personnel, military families, and veterans.

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- [MVS: Lake Shelbyville and Navy- Recreation improvements and accessibility upgrades](#)
- [LRP: Youghiogheny River Lake and Air Force license for Reservist Survival Training, August 2011](#) 
- [NWK: Milford Lake and Fort Riley MWR recreation area](#) 
- [NWK: Stockton Lake recreation programs with the Military](#) 
- [NWP: Portland District and Naval Undersea Warfare Center MOA, July 2006- Underwater inspections, surveys, and repairs](#) 
- [POA: Chena River Lakes and Paralyzed Veterans of America wheelchair moose hunt and accessible cabin](#)
- [SWT: Tulsa District and US Army Dive Company MOA, August 2008- Underwater inspections, surveys, and repairs](#) 



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